

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their member stations to air a partisan documentary just days before the election is a perfect example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for those large companies (and their bottom line) and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced by some large corporation (or those who server corporate interests), it's important that we see substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair's actions also show why the license renewal process should involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.